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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 0505-1211P Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Application No. 3747 July 11, 2003 A. Castro 10/617,049-Conf. #003055 Applicant(s): Yoshihiro NAKAZAWA et al. Invention: GROUND STRUCTURE FOR A VEHICLE MS AF **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After Previously Extra Claims Rate Amendment Paid Present 20 **Total Claims** 20 Х Independent 2 3 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: x Large Entity Small Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. in the amount of \$ Please charge Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 02-2448 X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: August 11, 2005 James M. Slattery BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LL 8110 Gatehouse Rd Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2005 (Paper No. 05152005), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.